

Indiana Draft Forest Issues

- **Fragmentation** and/or conversion of forests to another land use (e.g. development, homes, agriculture)
 - Counterproductive government forest conservation related policies (including taxation, zoning, etc.)
 - High cost of forest ownership and low incentives to retain
- Conservation and maintenance of **soil and water** resources
 - Conservation of forests that protect drinking water supplies
- The spread and control of **invasive species**
- Conservation of **biodiversity** (including plant and wildlife habitat)
 - The loss of fire dependent plant communities and habitats (restoration of fire-adapted lands)
 - Sustainable regeneration of oak woodlands
 - Overpopulation of white-tailed deer
- Availability of land for public **recreation**
- Inadequate public **education** about forests
 - Inadequate youth education about forests
- Sustaining Indiana's forest product **industry**
- Lack of healthy woodlands and trees in **urban** areas, including city parks, street and yard trees
- Forest **health**
 - Lack of active management on forests
 - Forests not managed for carbon storage (climate change, carbon sequestration aspects not considered)